GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF ROSE ONION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the exporters from Karnataka have been exporting the special quality of Rose onions to Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Singapore, Sri Lanka etc;

(b) whether there is great demand of Rose onions in these countries due to its high degree of pungency;

(c) whether this quality of Rose onions are exclusively grown for exports and not for the local market;

(d) if so, whether the recent ban on onion, exports has adversely affected the growers/exporters; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to lift the ban on export of Rose onions?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) to c) : Bangalore Rose Onions are exported to destinations including Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Singapore and Sri Lanka, as it is a preferred variety due to its pungency. There is a limited domestic demand for Bangalore Rose Onion.

d) & e) : Ban on export of Bangalore Rose Onion have been removed with effect from 26.4.2000 so as to eliminate any adverse effect on growers and exporters.